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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, PO

SUBJECT: AZOREAN SITUATION

1. BLETTEIRE CAME TO CONSULATE UNEXPECTEDLY MORNING JUNE 9. HE INTRODUCED SELF AS HEAD OF FLA FOR THIS REGION OF AZORES. HE SAID THAT DETENTION OF CONSULATE EMPLOYEE CRUZ REQUIRED IMMEDIATE FIRM RESPONSE FROM USG, SAID EITHER AZORES IN US SPHERE OF INFLUENCE OR SOVIET, IF IN THAT OF US THEN USG MUST PROTEST ARRESTS IMMEDIATELY. IF USG DID NOT RESPOND, HE THREATENED MOUNT ANTI-USG PRESS CAMPAIGN IN EUROPE.

2. AT FIRST HE ASKED FOR PSYCHOLOGICAL SUPPORT FROM USG; THEN HE SAID HE WANTED USG TO SEND IN EXPERTS IN SUBVERSIVE WARFARE, 5 TRAINED SPANISH AMERICANS.

BLETTEIRE ALLEGED HE HAS COMMITMENT FROM SENATOR THURMOND'S OFFICE AND FROM UNNAMED PENTAGON OFFICIAL FOR USG RECOGNITION AND ASSISTANCE TWO DAYS AFTER AZOREAN INDEPENDENCE. HE SAID HE TIRED OF HALF PROMISES MADE BY USG WHICH WERE NOT FULFILLED AND STRONGLY IMPLIED USG OBLIGATION TO HELP FLA.

I TOLD HIM USG POLICY OF NEUTRALITY UNCHANGED AND HIS  
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REQUESTS OUT OF QUESTION.

3. AFTER BLETTEIRE LEFT, TWO LOCAL EMPLOYEES TOLD ME THAT WHILE BLETTEIRE WAS WAITING TO SEE ME, A YOUNG MAN CAHE AND ASKED HIM FOR INSTRUCTIONS. BLETTEIRE TOLD THIS PERSON TO ORGANIZE DEMONSTRATION FOR THAT AFTERNOON.

4. MORNING OF JUNE 11 BLETTEIRE APPEARED AGAIN. HE ASKED THAT CONSULATE USE ITS FACILITIES TO TRANSMIT TO A UN COMMISSION STUDYING PORTUGALS ANTI COLT IAL POLICY A PETITION OF SOME OF THE WIVES OF THE SAO MIGUEL PRISONERS PROTESTING PORTUGUESE' COLONIALISM IN AZORES. I REPLIED THAT USG DID NOT VIEW AZORES AS COLONY. VIEWED EVENTS OF JUNE 6 AND 7 AS INTERNAL QUESTIONS AND WOULD NOT TRANSMIT PETITION TO UN COMMISSION.

5. I HAVE INSTRUCTED MY STAFF THAT IF BLETTEIRE COMES IN AGAIN, THAT I CANNOT BE DISTURBED.

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